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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 9

1. U.S. COVERAGE LIGHT; MAIN STORY IS FACTUAL TREATMENT OF FORD'S SALT INTERVIEW IN U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. --PRAVDA ARTICLE BY R. ZHELEZNOV ARGUES FOR CONVENTION COVERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. FIRST PUBLIC LISTING OF WHAT WEAPONS SOVIETS HAVE IN MIND IS GIVEN (A) RADIATION; (B) INFRASONIC (INFRAZVUKOVOYE); (C) GENETIC; (D) ETHNIC (ETNICHESKOYE), I.E. SPECIAL CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND OTHER SUBSTANCES DIRECTED AGAINST SPECIFIC POPULATION GROUPS; AND (E) PSYCHOTROPIC. AUTHOR NOTES POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF U.S. AND WESTERN COUNTRIES TO PRINCIPLE OF MDE BUT COMPLAINS THAT WEST IS NOT DOING ANYTHING CONCRETE TO SOLVE PROBLEM. --IN COMMUNIST WORLD, PRAVDA FRONTPAGES BREZHNEV-PODGORNYY-KOSYGIN MESSAGES TO BULGARIANS, ON 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF "SOCIALIST REVOLUTION," AND NORTH KOREANS, ON 28TH OF PDRK. MESSAGE TO BULGARIANS IS LONGER AND WARMER; IN KOREAN MESSAGE, KIM IL SUNG IS MENTIONED ONLY AS ADDRESSEE, AND STANDARD SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION ON DEMOCRATIC BASIS IS OFFERED; IN BOTH MESSAGES "SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM" RATHER THAN "PROLETARIAN" IS NAME OF THE GAME. --KZ GIVES BIG FRONT PAGE SPREAD TO SHCHIT 76 "EXERCISE" BY WP FORCES WITH EMPHASIS ON FRIENDLY COOPERATIVE ATTITUDES "TRADITIONAL" BETWEEN PARTICIPANTS IN WP. --TASS LEBANESE COVERAGE DIFFERS IN PRAVDA AND KZ. PRAVDA COVERAGE DESCRIBES PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS' ONGOING POLITICAL CONTACTS AND CITES "AN NAHAR" ON SARKIS' INTENTION TO SEEK A WAY OUT OF LEBANESE CRISIS BY FORMING A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. BOTH PRAVDA AND KZ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CITE PDFLP LEADER HAWATIMA ON IMPORTANCE OF SOVIET SUPPORT AND SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL, BUT KZ ADDS HIS REMARKS CRITICIZING U.S. POLICY IN ME, PARTICULARLY IN LEBANON, AND EXPANDING AN IDEA OF "BALANCE OF FORCES" WHICH WOULD BE REESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL. --PRAVDA MENTIONS JUST CONCLUDED SPECIAL PARIS SESSION ON LEBANON OF BUREAU OF PRESIDUM OF WORLD PEACE COUNCIL WITHOUT, HOWEVER, MENTIONING ORGANIZATION'S CALL FOR

SYRIAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL.

--PRAVDA MENTIONS CAMPAIGN BY SULTAN QABUS IN OMAN TO CONFISCATE WEAPONS FROM POPULATION. ARTICLE MENTIONS PARTISAN MOVEMENT "FLARING UP" IN DHOFAR RECENTLY.

--IZVESTIYA CARRIES ARTICLE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN CAIRO, R. MOSEEV, ON DIFFICULT POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN EGYPT FOR PROGRESSIVE FORCES ON EVE OF NATIONAL ELECTION.

--IZVESTIYA "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY" BY G. DEYNICHENKO SAYS "CONVINCING VICTORY" OF LEFTIST FORCES IN RECENT CYPRUS ELECTIONS SHOULD BE LESSON TO THOSE WHO OPPOSE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF CYPRUS QUESTION.

2. MAIN U.S. ITEM OF NOTE IS THAT IZVESTIYA AND KZ HAVE STRAIGHTFORWARD TASS REPORT ON SALT ISSUE FROM PRESIDENT'S U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT INTERVIEW. STORY LEADS WITH FORD STATEMENT THAT IF NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED THIS YEAR, U.S. IS PREPARED TO REACH ONE IN 1977, CERTAINLY BEFORE OCTOBER 3 WHEN, WITHOUT AGREEMENT, ROUND OF ARMS EXPENDITURES WOULD BE FINANCIAL PROBLEM FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. NOTE ALSO MADE OF FORD'S STATEMENT THAT AGREEMENT WILL NOT DEPEND ON CAMPAIGN CONSIDERATIONS. FORD'S STATEMENT ON CONTINUED BUILD-UP OF ECONOMIC AND MILITARY POTENTIAL OF WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES AND STRENGTHENING OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH JAPAN ALSO REPORTED. --KZ HAS TASS WASHINGTON ITEM DESCRIBING CONCERN OF AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION OVER U.S. ARMS SALES TO IRAN. ARTICLE REPEATS U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT WARNING THAT ARMS SALES LEAD TO MILITARY OBLIGATIONS WHICH MIGHT ENTANGLE U.S. IN POTENTIAL ME CONFLICT. --IZVESTIYA SENIOR POLITICAL COMMENTATOR, V. KUDRYAVTSEV, HAS LENGTHY, POLEMIC ARTICLE ON U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFRICA POLICY. KUDRYAVTSEV USES SARCASM, IRONY, AND INVECTIVE TO SHOW WHY U.S. CANNOT PLAY ROLE OF HONEST BROKER IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (SEPTEL). SEPTEMBER 8 TV NEWS PROGRAM "VREMYE" BROADCAST A VITRIOLIC ATTACK ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA. STOESSEL

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